



# Enterprise Grant Management System (EGMS)

## Questions and Answers April 2014

### What is the Enterprise Grant Management System?

The Enterprise Grants Management System (EGMS) is a system designed to improve the District of Columbia's management of Federal and Local grants administered by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE). The system was designed to improve the management and administrations of grants and was established to provide users with information on the status of project applications and awards of Federal and State funds.

EGMS offers DC schools more convenience with a centralized location to manage the following:

- Identify and apply to OSSE grants;
- Track milestones of a school's respective subgrants from start to finish; and
- Electronic claim submissions.

The system also supplies enhanced operational efficiencies and security architecture, central data storage and warehousing, increased transparency, workflow automation and performance accountability.

### Who administers EGMS?

EGMS is managed by OSSE's Office of Grants Management and Compliance (OGMC). OGMC is tasked with responsibility for OSSE compliance with Federal grant requirements, while ensuring Federal funds are managed properly and spent in accordance with applicable law.

### Why is EGMS necessary?

EGMS fulfills a condition and deliverable of OSSE's Federal Race to the Top (RttT) grant and is an important component to ensuring the District of Columbia better implements its Federal ESEA waiver. The system meets Federal requirements for increasing efficiencies and access to grant-related data, while reducing duplicative and burdensome reporting requirements.

### Who will benefit from EGMS?

EGMS is administered by OSSE and applies to all grants involving OSSE. The state education agency (SEA) and all local education agencies (LEAs), including District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) campuses and charter schools in the District of Columbia as well as grant recipient community based organizations (CBOs) will be a part of EGMS.

### What are the goals of EGMS?

EGMS moves OSSE's financial administration into the 21st century. Through this approach, OSSE will automate the entire grant life-cycle process, from pre-application to close-out, while consolidating the various databases managing grants into a single centralized system. This means higher-quality customer service through faster grant processing and one central application housing for all customers. It also improves staff efficiency through automation, allowing educators at the SEA, CBO, LEA and school levels to know precisely how grant dollars are being spent and how priorities are being staffed. This approach provides immediate benefits to all LEAs, including District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) campuses, charter schools, institutions of higher education and CBOs. This approach provides immediate benefits to all LEAs, including District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) campuses, charter schools, institutions of higher education and CBOs.





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EGMS offers a wide range of benefits to all of those involved in improving student learning across the District of Columbia. The system provides a unified application, consolidating key components of grants management and compliance, including Federal and local assurances, as well as offering enhanced reporting and accountability. It minimizes lapsing funds by informing the education agencies daily of their financial status. Additionally, EGMS empowers LEAs by providing outcome-based budgeting. Under this new system, LEAs are able to identify actual costs per strategy and program, clearly showing where dollars are being spent in each LEA and across the District of Columbia.

### What are the biggest challenges regarding EGMS?

Transitioning to a cutting-edge approach such as EGMS is a major step forward for OSSE. The SEA is committed to implementing this system and ensuring grant management and administration meets all Federal requirements and is as efficient as possible. OSSE has made a major commitment to this effort, and is working with LEAs to integrate EGMS requirements with existing data asks and to ensure that all parties recognize the value of performance-based budgeting and the power EGMS provides at the school and LEA levels.

### What are the expected outcomes of EGMS?

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EGMS will greatly improve the grant management process across the District; streamlining the overall process while reducing administrative burdens on OSSE and each LEA; and improving financial accountability and outcomes at the SEA, LEA and school levels.

### When will work on EGMS begin?

OGMC has been hard at work developing EGMS since 2013. The Phase I of the system is scheduled to go live in June/July 2014 with additional features and phases to follow.

### Will EGMS information be available to the public?

Consistent to OSSE's commitment to transparency, there is a public version of the EGMS system summarizing key points about recipients OSSE grants. The public version will also go live in June 2014.

### Where can I find more information on EGMS?

For more information on OGMC and its EGMS efforts, please visit:

<https://sites.google.com/site/dcgovegms/home>.

